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1. WORK OF COMMITTEE I CONTINUED ON APRIL 30 WITH EXAMINATION OF GOVERNMENT/ENTITY QUESTION, BUT NO AGREEMENT REACHED. NUMEROUS PAPERS WERE CIRCULATED IN ATTEMPT TO RECONCILE OPPOSING INCLUDING SUBMISSIONS FROM NETHERLANDS, USSR AND U.S. AFTER INCONCLUSIVE DEBATE THIS MATTER, CHAIRMAN INTRODUCED DRAFT OF "NEUTRAL" REPORT TO PLENARY ACCEPTABLE TO U.S. USSR DEL, HOWEVER, EXPRESSED INTENTION TO PRESS FOR LANGUAGE IN COMMITTEE REPORT INIMICAL U.S. POSITION AND INDICATED POSSIBILITY IT MIGHT PUSH TO VOTE ON MAY 1, WHICH COULD POLARIZE

COMMITTEE ON THIS ISSUE.

2. COMMITTEE II - VICE CHAIRMAN, WHO HAD LED WORKING GROUP ON INVESTMENT SHARES, PRESENTED REPORT OF WG (MARSAT/CONF/C.II/WP2). FOUR ALTERNATIVES INCLUDED IN THE REPORT WERE: 1 - OLD ALTERNATIVE A; 2 - OLD C; 3 AND 4 - MODIFICATIONS OF A BASED ON WHAT SWEDEN PROPOSED.

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3. DURING COURSE OF DAY, USSR CONTINUED TO PRESS COMMITTEE FOR DECISION NOTING THAT INCREASINGLY LARGE MAJORITY OF SPEAKERS IN FAVOR OF ALTERNATIVE 1 (OLD A). U.S., JAPAN, BRAZIL, AUSTRALIA, AND CANADA INTERVENED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO STATE NEED FOR FURTHER STUDY OF IMPACT OF ALTERNATIVES 3 AND 4 BEFORE ANY DECISION POSSIBLE.

4. AT END OF DAY-LONG CONSIDERATION OF ISSUE, 24 DELS STATED PREFERENCE FOR ALTERNATIVE L(A) AND WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT ALTERNATIVE 4 (SWEDISH) AS

COMPROMISE. IN THIS REGARD, AUSTRALIA POINTED OUT ALTERNATIVE 4 NOT, IN FACT, COMPROMISE SINCE FOR STATES WITH APPROXIMATELY BALANCED AMOUNT OF SHIPS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRAFFIC, ALTERNATIVE L AND ALTERNATIVE 4 PRODUCE INVESTMENT SHARE RESULTS WHICH DIFFER LITTLE FROM EACH OTHER.

5. CHAIR CLOSED CONSIDERATION OF ISSUE NOTING IT HAD NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO QUANTIFY IMPLICATIONS OF VARIOUS INVESTMENT PROPOSALS. THERE WERE TWO SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT IN COMMITTEE II; L) NEEDED MORE TIME TO STUDY ISSUE; 2) SINCE TIME SHORT AND QUANTITATIVE RESULTS NOT AVAILABLE, PROCEED TO DECISION WITHOUT FURTHER STUDY. IF, HOWEVER, CONFERENCE PROCEEDS WITHOUT DATA, THEN MUST LOOK AT PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 18 OF POE SINCE IT MAY BE DANGEROUS IF TOO PRECISE A FORMULA FOR INVESTMENT BE ADOPTED TOO EARLY IN CONFERENCE WORK. HE ALSO CALLED ATTENTION TO NEED FOR STUDIES OF IMPLICATIONS OF 4 ALTERNATIVES TO GO AHEAD EVEN IF SEVERAL MONTHS NEEDED FOR WORK

SINCE THE DATA MAY WELL BE HELPFUL LATER.

6. DURING LAST HALF HOUR OF COMMITTEE II SESSION, PROCUREMENT CONSIDERED. BRAZIL REASSERTED ITS SUPPORT FOR ITS OWN PROPOSAL AS PREFERABLE TO ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED. REPORT OF INFORMAL GROUP PRESENTED, AND COMMENTS ON DRAFT LANGUAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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REPORTED PARA 9, LONDON'S 6492 REQUESTED BY CHAIR. HALF DOZEN WEST EUROPEAN DELS SPEAKING ALL SAID TEXT USEFUL BUT SOME REVISION REQUIRED AND POSITION THEREFORE RESERVED. USSR SAID TEXT ACCEPTABLE BUT WANTED MORE TIME FOR DISCUSSION OF IT. MEETING CLOSED ON THIS NOTE.

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